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Counseling revamps department

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This year Clackamas Community College is experiencing a change in the counseling department.

"We restructured the sys-

tem," said Director of Counseling Lee Turpin. "We wanted to work on getting the traffic flow down."

That goal of reducing the "traffic flow" down was met as the counseling department helped

more students (over six percent more than last year) in less time.

The most noticeable of the restructuring is the new information center. It is the first thing that students walking into the counseling department will see. Betty Reynolds, who was a counseling secretary before this year, and Pat Fontaine are the information specialists.

The Information Center is the first place to go if a student needed a question answered from the department. The two information specialists will split time in the Information Center from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and until only 4:30 p.m. on Fridays.

Student information assistants have been added to give the student a more in-depth answer to any question which may arise. There were six of these positions during open registration, but now there are three.

The student information assistants are the next place to go if the information specialists can't answer the question. The Student assistants also have the liberty of spending more time with the student.

If the student still seeks an answer, then the student will be directed towards a counselor, who will be able to answer the question completely.

"We increased registration time from one to two weeks (this year)," said Turpin. "We accommodated students with less chaos

than before." He added that there were never any long lines like those during past registration periods.

The Counseling services have also been altered. The first two weeks during fall term were set aside for information, assessment (testing), and advising.

Weeks three through nine are when the more detailed counseling and assistance takes place. It's at this time of the term when students can make appointments with a counselor and receive extra help.

Some of this extra help includes career decision making, educational planning, personal counseling, and satisfactory progress check-ins with the student.

In the counseling department there are some new faces and some old faces in new places. Turpin has taken over the director of advising and counseling from Art Hames, who retired at the end of last school year. Ellen Burbridge has stepped into the counseling role left vacant by Turpin.

Fontaine and Reynolds have assumed their roles as information specialists, Teri Harold is replacing Reynolds as the counseling secretary, and Judi Mills is a new assessment specialist.

"We're changing the concept of the counseling department," said Turpin. "It's been done before, but it's a new approach for Clackamas."

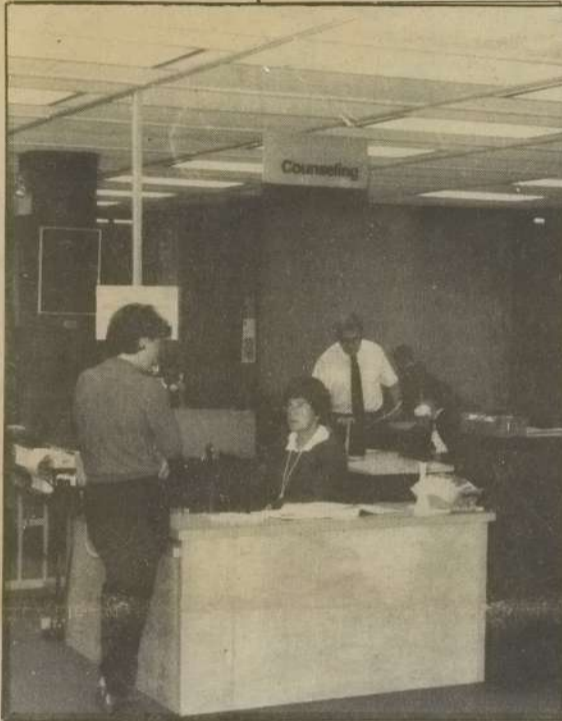


Photo by Brent Johnson

The Information Center in the Counseling Department is one of several changes made to improve the department this year.

Observatory opens at Clackamas

by Michael L. Walker
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The Haggard Memorial Observatory, donated by Darcy Haggard of Redland, is now open and is available for student use at the Environmental Learning Center.

The observatory was built in honor of Harrold Haggard who was an astronomy enthusiast. Haggard had built his own observatory above his home in the 1950's. It was the Northwest's largest observatory at that time.

The Haggard Observatory is valued at \$17,000. The structural poles were donated by Portland General Electric and are valued at \$2,500.

The "tower" design was created by Duane Lee of Lee Engineering in Oregon City and is also valued at \$2,500.

A new class, which began Oct. 6, was added to the Fall Schedule. Students may now have hands on experience with the instruments used to view distant galaxies, planets, nebulae and other space phenomena.



Photo by Jillian Porter

The Haggard Memorial Observatory, built on the Clackamas campus, is the third largest observatory in the northwest.

News Digest

Drug/Alcohol week to be held at CCC

Clackamas is coming up on Drug/Alcohol week. It is to be held the week of Oct. 17-21. Activities are planned that week at the college.

"The Addict" will be featured Oct. 19 in the Community Center. It is a production by the Franklin High School theater department. The performance will be present 10 vignettes about the effect of drugs and alcohol.

PSU President resigns post

Portland State University President Natale Sicuro resigned his post at PSU Monday. The resignation ended a period of battle between Sicuro and faculty members over his financial management and leadership style.

Sicuro's resignation is effective immediately, although he will keep his title until Dec. 31. Roger Edgington, PSU vice president for finance and administration will assume the duties of president while the presidency is vacant.

Movie to be shown in mall

The Community Center mall will be the sight for the first family night movie of the year. "Lady and the Tramp" will be on the screen Friday at 7 p.m.

"Lady and the Tramp" is just the first of several films planned this year, which are sponsored by the Associated Student Government of the college.

Net holds 48 districts

According to the Oregon Department of Education, 48 of Oregon's 303 school districts fell into the Safety Net this year, due to levy or tax defeats.

Of the 48 districts, there are 21 which were in the net last year and 27 which are in the net for the first year. There are 17 districts which were in the net last year that are out of it this year thanks to levy or tax victories.

